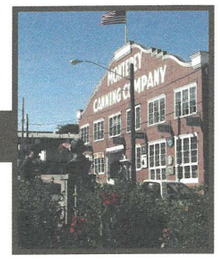

For Your Information

Attendence

We are expecting a group of about 35 participants. Contact Glenna Emilo in Alumni and Parent Programs if you wish to obtain a list of confirmed participants and to coordinate travel.

Travel Connections

If you fly into Monterey Airport, it is about a four minute cab ride to the hotel. If you fly into San Jose, it is about an hour drive to Monterey. It is an hour and a half drive from Oakland.

Arrival Time

We suggest that you arrive in the afternoon for a 3:00–5:00 P.M. for check-in.

Transportation

Most of our destinations are within walking distance. We will supply transportation when necessary. There will be some free time if you would like to explore the area. We are scheduling a day trip to Big Sur for which we will supply transportation. Other attractions include the wine country, golf, hiking, sightseeing and a drive along the coast.

About the Portola Plaza Hotel

Accommodations at the Portola Plaza Hotel, which is located in Old Monterey near Fisherman's Wharf, are included in the cost of the course. The address:

Two Portola Plaza
Monterey Bay, CA 93940
831.649.4511 FAX 831.649.4115
www.portolaplazahotel.com

Need more information? Please contact Glenna Emilo in the alumni and parent programs office at 802.443.5335 or emilo@middlebury.edu.

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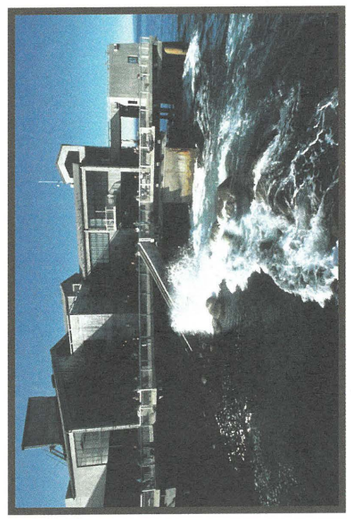

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Steinbeck and Ricketts: Between Pacific Tides

~ with ~

John Elder
Professor of English and Environmental Studies

at the Portola Plaza Hotel in Monterey, California

Saturday–Wednesday | April 19–23, 2008

Middlebury Alumni College
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Steinbeck and Ricketts:
Between Pacific Tides

We will explore John Steinbeck's association with the town of Monterey and with the Pacific shore between Monterey Bay and Big Sur, as well as doing some writing of our own. We will read and discuss *Cannery Row*, which was inspired in part by Steinbeck's friendship and collaboration with the marine biologist Ed Ricketts. Excerpts from Steinbeck and Ricketts's *Log from the Sea of Cortez*, Ricketts's *Between Pacific Tides*, and Jay Parini's biography of Steinbeck will enrich our sense of the novel's context.

Our own writing will focus on the human and marine environment around Monterey. A field trip to Big Sur and guided tours both of Cannery Row and of the famed Monterey Bay Aquarium will frame our writing workshops. A concluding banquet will set the stage for readings from our descriptive and reflective pieces on Steinbeck and on life at the edge of the sea.

Faculty

John Elder has taught English and Environmental Studies at Middlebury College since 1973. His special interests in the classroom include American nature writing, Romantic and modern poetry, and the Japanese haiku tradition. John's three most recent books—*Reading the Mountains of Home*, *The Frog Run*, and *Pilgrimage to Vallombrosa*—form a sequence in which discussion of literature, description of the Vermont landscape, and personal memoir are interwoven. During the 2006–2007 academic year he received a Guggenheim Fellowship to support his current project on sugaring, climate change, and the future of the environmental movement.

John and his wife Rita live in the village of Bristol, Vermont. They operate a sugarbush with their three grown children in the neighboring town of Starksboro and also produce green-certified flooring from their land. John is active in a variety of statewide environmental organizations, including the Vermont Land Trust, Vermont Family Forests, the Watershed Center, and the Center for Whole Communities.

The Tentative Schedule

Saturday, April 19
Arrival and check-in at the Portola Plaza Hotel
Welcome dinner and brief orientation

Sunday–Tuesday
April 20–23
Our time in Monterey will be very busy: workshops, lectures, discussion of brief writings, visit to Big Bur with discussions and natural history, visit to Cannery Row, and the Monterey Bay Aquarium

Wednesday, April 23
Breakfast and departure

REGISTRATION FORM

Alumni College in Monterey | April 19–23, 2008

Name: _____ Class: _____

Spouse/Guest: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Any special needs? _____

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Fee
$1,500 (per person)

(All-inclusive cost per person lodging at the Portola Plaza Hotel, breakfast, two dinners, two lunches, lectures, and transportation to local events and a mini-coach to Big Sur).

Method of payment
To register, you can use our **online registration form** at www.middlebury.edu/alumni/events/monterey or the form attached here.

Registration and final payment are due by May 28, 2008.
❒ Check payable to "Middlebury College" enclosed
❒ Visa ❒ MasterCard

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